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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 18-19 have been amended.
2. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection, Kinoshita (Pub No. 2003/0007641).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

- The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).
5. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kinoshita (Pub No. 2003/0007641).

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Referring to the rejection of claims 1 and 18, Kinoshita discloses a wireless communication device, comprising:

- a wireless communication unit which communicates with other communication device located at a prescribed range; (See Page 2, Section 0026)

- a first identification information generator which generates first identification information including a service name of available service and inherent information; (See Page 2, Section 0035)

- an encryption unit configured to encrypt said first identification information by using a prescribed encryption key to generate encryption data; (See Page 2, Section 0036)

- a second identification information generator which generates second identification information including the service name, the inherent information and the encryption data; (See Page 2, Section 0039)

- and an inherent information transmitter which transmits the second identification information for an other communication device which has requested transmission of the inherent information. (See Page 3, Section 0040)

Referring to the rejection of claims 2 and 15, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the first identification information generator uses a Hash value obtained by a Hash operation for data including the service name and the inherent information, as said first identification information. (See Page 2, Section 0035)

Referring to the rejection of claim 3, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the second identification information generator generates the second identification information in which the encryption data is arranged after the service name, and information indicative of a length of the service name is arranged before the service name. (See Page 3, Section 0041)

Referring to the rejection of claim 4, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the second identification information generator generates the second identification information in which information indicative of whether or not check of reliability is necessary is arranged before information indicative of a length of the service name. (See Page 3, Section 0050)

Referring to the rejection of claims 5 and 16, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the wireless communication unit communicates with the other communication devices by P2P (Peer to Peer). (See Page 3, Section 0049)

Referring to the rejection of claims 6 and 17, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the encryption unit encrypts again the first identification information to generate the encryption data, when an expiration data of the encryption key passes. (See Page 3, Section 0048)

Referring to the rejection of claims 7 and 19, Kinoshita discloses a portable terminal, comprising:

a wireless communication unit which communicates with other communication devices located at a prescribed range; (See Page 2, Section 0026)

a search unit configured to search the other communication devices capable of communicating; (See Page 3, Section 0041)

an identification information acquisition unit which acquires first identification information transmitted from the searched communication device; (See Page 3, Section 0045)

an information extracting unit configured to extract a service name, inherent information and encryption data from the acquired first identification information; (See Page 3, Section 0046)

a decryption unit configured to decrypt the encryption data by using a prescribed decryption key; (See Page 3, Section 0047)

a comparison unit configured to compare the decrypted data with the service name and the inherent information extracted by said information extracting unit, and to determine whether or not the other communication device searched by said search unit is reliable; (See Page 3, Section 0049)

and a communication controller which inhibits communication with the communication device determined to be unreliable by said comparison unit. (See Page 3, Sections 0050)

Referring to the rejection of claim 8, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the information indicating unit which indicates to users information indicative of being unreliable when users try to connect to the communication device determined to be unreliable by said comparison unit. (See Page 4, Section 0056)

Referring to the rejection of claim 9, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the a list register unit configured to register a list of the other communication devices determined to be unreliable by said comparison unit; (See Page 3, Section 0044)

wherein said communication controller inhibits communication with the communication devices registered to said list register unit. (See Page 3, Section 0045)

Referring to the rejection of claim 10, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the identification information acquisition means extracts data of a first length from a head of the information transmitted from the communication device searched by said search unit, and determines whether the information is the first identification information based on the extracted data. (See Page 3, Section 0049)

Referring to the rejection of claim 11, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the information extracting unit extracts data of a second length from a head of the first identification information, and decides a length of the service name based on the extracted data. (See Page 3, Section 0049)

Referring to the rejection of claim 12, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the information extracting means extracts data of a length of the decided service name from a head of data except for data of the first and second lengths from a

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head of the first identification information, as the service name. (See Page 3, Section 0046)

Referring to the rejection of claim 13, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the information extracting unit extracts data of a third length from a head of data except for the first length, the second length and the length of the decided service name from the head of the first identification information, an inherent information. (See Page 3, Section 0041)

Referring to the rejection of claim 14, Kinoshita discloses the claimed limitation wherein the information extracting means determines whether or not data except for the first length, the second length, the length of the decided service name, and the third length from a head of the first identification information is a fourth length, and if the data is the fourth length, extracts the data as the encryption data. (See Page 3, Section 0045)

Referring to the rejection of claim 20, Kinoshita discloses a communication system comprising a portable terminal and a wireless communication unit capable of communicating with said portable terminal located at a prescribed range, wherein said portable terminal includes:

a searching unit configured to search a communication device capable of communicating; (See Page 3, Section 0041)

an identification information acquisition unit configured to acquire first identification information transmitted from the searched communication device; (See Page 3, Section 0045)

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an information extracting unit configured to extract a service name, inherent information and encryption data from the acquired first identification information; (See Page 3, Section 0046)

a decryption unit configured to decrypt the encryption data by using a decryption key prescribed in advance; (See Page 3, Section 0047)

a comparison unit configured to compare the decrypted data with the service name and the inherent information extracted by said information extraction unit, and determines whether or not the communication device searched by said searching unit is reliable; (See Page 3, Section 0049)

and a communication controller which inhibits communication with the communication device determined to be unreliable by said comparison unit, said wireless communication unit includes: (See Page 3, Sections 0050)

an inherent information acquisition unit configured to acquire the inherent information; (See Page 3, Section 0040)

a first identification information generator which generates first identification information including the service name and the inherent information; (See Page 2, Section 0035)

an encryption unit configured to encrypt the first identification information by using the encryption key prescribed in advance, and generates the encryption data; (See Page 2, Section 0036)

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a second identification information generator which generates second identification information including the service name, the inherent information and the encryption data; (See Page 2, Section 0039)

and an inherent information transmitter which transmits the second identification information for the other communication device which has requested transmission of the inherent information. (See Page 3, Section 0040)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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